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Student Connection



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Colin Mark

Revere



Colin Mark, a student at Revere High School, is gaining valuable hands-on experience and career-ready skills through CVCC's Building & Property Maintenance program, instructed by Chris Tonicic. When Colin was given the opportunity to attend CVCC, he was excited to take advantage of it. After spending time in the program, he has discovered just how much he enjoys working with his hands and is now considering a future career in construction, electrical, or another skilled trade. He especially enjoys the hands-on learning environment, where he gets to try something new each day. No matter which career path he ultimately chooses, Colin knows the skills and experiences he's gaining at CVCC will benefit him both in his future career and everyday life.

"Colin is an outstanding communicator, has great attention to detail, and has demonstrated a high level of professionalism. He is also great at keeping an open mind," said Ms. McNamara, Job Training Instructor, who began working with Colin this year.

One of Colin's favorite experiences at CVCC so far was competing in SkillsUSA last year in Building Maintenance. He described the experience as a lot of fun and a wonderful opportunity, and he's looking forward to potentially participating again this year. He also appreciates having the opportunity to explore different career possibilities while still in high school and work toward finding a career that's right for him. His favorite class project so far has been building his individual workstation. Outside of school, Colin enjoys playing video games, cooking, and spending time with his dog. Colin's advice to other students considering CVCC is simple: "CVCC is a great hands-on experience where you have the opportunity to explore your interests and your future. Don't miss out on that opportunity, especially if you're a hands-on learner and want to set yourself up for success after graduation. Give it a shot—you can always change your mind, but you don't want to regret not trying. I promise there's something here for everyone." Keep up the great work, Colin! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you.

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